

AN ORDINANCE      99746

**ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING VARIOUS FEES  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROVISION OF  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, RESULTING  
IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO THE EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL SERVICES FUND AND AMENDING THE  
CORRESPONDING SECTIONS OF THE CITY  
CODE TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES.**

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**WHEREAS**, it is advisable to increase the fees for transportation of patients requiring emergency medical services as follows:

BLS from \$350.00 to \$360.00;  
ALS Level 1 from \$375.00 to \$385.00;  
ALS Level 2 from \$400.00 to \$410.00; and

**WHEREAS**, it is advisable to increase the fee for emergency medical service calls which do not require transportation (Basic Aid) from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per incident as established in section 15-3 of the San Antonio City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, it is advisable to create five new fees associated with the use of disposable medical supplies and/or equipment, as follows: (1) A Spinal Immobilization Fee of \$20.00 will assist the Department in recovering the costs associated with the Head Immobilization Blocks, straps, Cervical Collar, and backboard; (2) A \$10.00 per mask fee for the Bag Valve Unit Mask that is used for patient respiratory ventilation; (3) A \$3.00 per blanket fee for Yellow Blankets used for comfort, a water/fluid protectant, and for a discretionary cover; (4) A \$10.00 per air splint fee for Air Splints that are used to compress and immobilize injured extremities; and (5) A \$5.00 per blade fee for Laryngoscope Blades that are used in the process of securing a patient's airway as established in section 15-3 of the San Antonio City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the San Antonio City Code to reflect these amendments; **NOW THEREFORE**:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 15-3 of the San Antonio City Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

(a) The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring BLS emergency medical services is three hundred sixty dollars (\$360.00) per patient plus nine dollars (\$9.00) per mile. The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring ALS Level 1 emergency medical services is three hundred eighty-five dollars (\$385.00) per patient plus nine dollars (\$9.00) per mile. The fee for the transportation (transport) of patients requiring ALS Level 2 emergency medical services is four hundred ten dollars (\$410.00) per patient plus nine dollars (\$9.00) per mile. In addition to the transportation fee, a surcharge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is assessed to each nonresident patient who is transported for emergency medical services. A nonresident is any person who does not permanently reside within the territorial limits of the city of San Antonio or who resides within the territorial limits of an adjoining incorporated city which does not have a contract with the city of San Antonio to provide emergency medical services.

(b) The fee for an emergency medical services call which does not require transportation (nontransport) is fifty dollars (\$50.00) per patient.

(c) The fee for the transportation of a deceased person to the morgue is seventy dollars (\$70.00).

(d) There is hereby established the following schedule of fees to be paid to the city by each patient who is provided or administered the listed emergency medical supplies, medications, or services per each use:

(1)	Albuterol	\$ 5.00 per use
(2)	Dextrose	\$ 5.00 per use
(3)	Epinephrine	\$ 5.00 per use
(4)	Atropine	\$ 5.00 per use
(5)	Naloxine	\$ 5.00 per use
(6)	Normal Saline	\$ 5.00 per use
(7)	Bandaging	\$ 10.00 per use
(8)	Intravenous line	\$ 10.00 per use
(9)	Oxygen and related supplies	\$ 15.00 per use
(10)	Electrocardiogram monitor and electrocardiogram related supplies	\$ 35.00 per use
(11)	Amiodarone	\$170.00 per use

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| (12) | Spinal Immobilization (blocks, straps, Cervical Collar, and backboard) | \$ 20.00 per use |
| (13) | Bag Valve Unit Mask  | \$ 10.00 per use |
| (14) | Yellow Blanket   | \$ 3.00 per use  |
| (15) | Air Splint   | \$ 10.00 per use |
| (16) | Laryngoscope Blade   | \$ 5.00 per use  |

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2004.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

MAYOR

EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney